WHEREAS, more than six million of the people in the United States today are mentally retarded: and

WHEREAS, more than 30 million Americans belong to a family that is affected by mental retardation: and

WHEREAS, more than twenty thousand retarded children and adults live in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, our retarded citizens have a right to the same opportunities to develop to the fullest of their abilities as other citizens; and

WHEREAS, the most effective form of prevention and alleviation of the ravages of mental retardation is an informed and understanding public; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November the South Dakota Association for Retarded Children and the 34 local affiliated units of the National Association for Retarded Children are conducting public information fund raising campaigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK L. FARRAR, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 1969, as

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in this state and do arge the people of this state to support this campaign on behalf of the retarded.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cauced the Scal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Attest:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE